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1957 — From Home of Many Champions — 1957

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OUR CHATTY NOOK

Yes we had rain, enough to fill the Great Lakes and we were glad of it as our glads for once in four years went to town and tipped the bottle and it went to their heads, consequently we had the most magnificent spikes of our 24 year hybridizing career. SO let 'em keep right on tryin' to drown us and the weather man will avoid a fight. We have never planted in soup so it was June 10th, before we could venture in the field. Yes, show spikes galore but no shows, all over except for our own little home show room, but that was really sumpin'.

¶The weeping and wailing (by me) came on last April 14th, when your old Uncle George had a stroke and they fastened him in bed for a while—luckily it waited until after bulb shipments were over—and our Doc said "Take it easy or else", a verdict next to murder in the first degree. ¶ NO GLADS??? Well we fooled 'em, when no one was lookin' we sneaked some in anyway, the smallest planting in our career, some of our recent originations we should be listing had to be omitted from our planting and those we are listing had to be cut down. However we are quite sure we will have enough stock to meet the demand as we are placing no advertising and cutting more dead wood from our mailing list which probably gives us the smallest mailing list in the business.

¶Our ground had plenty of humus and drained well and our bulbs came out clean and healthy, making excellent size for the short growing season, also heavy bulblet production. Very hot dry weather three years ago played havoc with our blt, stock of Lady Charmer and Gold Mink, planted in clay soil they could not get through the ground or we would now be able to introduce all sizes and at a lower price.

¶Next spring we are hoping to get back to our own normal planting.

¶As most of you know we have handled only our own originations and have introduced 103 in the past 24 years of our hybridizing career, all of which have won blue ribbons and better and many championships. We do not have complete show reports for 1956, but do know that several of our older introductions are still in the top ribbons at 1956 shows. Namely, Buckeye Bronze, Oklahoma, Glorious, Terrific, Storm Terror, Larime, Drum Major, Prairie Blaze, South Seas, Choctaw, Modern Style, Flying Fortress, Purple Supreme, Gorgeous Deb, Gracie Allen, Pirate Cache, Lake Placid, Victory Queen, Style Plus and King Click.

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ROSE GALLANT

1957 INTRODUCTION

GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 90 Days) . . . Sdlg, no, 00-77. Very clean and even colored medium rose with cream blotch with small light orange fan in throat. Slightly recurved petals with light ruffling and fluting and broad. 5 inch floret, 10 open, 25 buds, 30 inch head, 60 inches overall. Tall dark green foliage, formal type, slender straight stiff stem, heavy propagator. Good commercial value as well as show prospect. We feel sure this glad will do well for our customers who should all give it a trial, especially at the low introductory price. Per each, small, .50; blts, .10 or 10 for .70.

CAMPUS MODEL

GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 90 days) . . . Sdlg, no, +126. Light salmon orange yellow blotch with small orange fan, well ruffled and fluted, round floret wide open, not hooded, no gaps, no crowding, excellent formal type, 90% of spikes have first florets up in place, strong medium stem, very strong attachment, heavy substance. 5 inch floret, 10-12 open, 23 buds, 26 inch head, 55 inches overall, tall straight medium wide dark green foliage. Some may be inclined to call the color a light buff, anyway the color is really beautiful and has all the ear marks of a very good commercial as well as a top exhibition glad. Strong propagator, 70 or more blts, per large bulb of strong and easy germination making husky growth. Placement of florets far superior to either parent. Per each, large, \$1.50; medium, \$1.10; small, (No. 6) .60; blts, .15 or 10 for \$1.00.

GOLD MINK

OKLAHOMA X STORM TERROR

(About 75 days) . . . Rich dark golden brown with large vivid red orange blotch with small cream rib through blotch only. Fine placement, good formal type, very strong attachment, slender stiff straight stem, broad slightly recurved petals, wide open round floret lightly ruffled, healthy tall dark green foliage, really a very rich and different and good performing glad that is most pleasing, but strictly for show and home decoration. Smoky fanciers should be more than pleased with this one. Please refer to mention of Gold Mink in Our Chatty Nook. Good reproducer with large bulbs making around 50 blts, per each of easy and excellent germination though blts, are not large. Per each, number 6, \$1.00; blts, .20 or 5 for .60.

LADY CHARMER

OKLAHOMA X ALZADA

(About 95 days) . . . Sdlg, no, 237-V. Old rose with clean yellow blotch with no markings, not even small dots in well of throat, beautifully ruffled and fluted wide flat open, not hooded, small but distinct picotee border of cream around all petals, round floret and petals very slightly recurved and very wide. Very strong attachment, excellent formal type, slender very strong straight stem. Foliage straight up, medium wide, tall, dark green and healthy. Fair reproducer large bulbs average around 40 blts, each, not large but of good germination.

Oklahoma our 1945 introduction being the seed parent was a very consistant blue ribbon winner all over the U.S.A. for several years and still winning. We are sure that Lady Charmer will far outclass Oklahoma once it gets to operating in the show rooms and severa! florists who have seen it in bloom assure us that it is one smoky they can use for all occasions as its beautiful clean color and fine performance will well justify growing it commercially and it is one smoky that those who do not care for smokies have been liking in a big way. We hope all our customers will secure a start in this truly fine glad this year. We may seem rather enthusiastic, but we are sure that it is the finest smoky introduced to date. Everyone who has seen it in bloom has been charmed, especially the ladies, which accounts for its name.

With good rains the past summer quite a few spikes opened 14 florets without a wilt in our checking room in cool weather and had the nine tipblooms open in perfect condition. The only fault we can find is its late blooming, it has to be planted early to catch show dates but will well repay for this. 4½ inch floret, 10-12 open, 22 buds, 25 inch head, 50 inches overall. We are offering only number 6 size and bulbets this year, holding large and medium sizes to build stock rapidly. Per each, number 6, \$1.00; blts, 20 or 5 for .70.

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HAWAIIAN DANCE

GLORIOUS X STORM TERROR

(About 73 days) . . . Sdlg, no, + 95. Very rich smoky brick red with large deep cream blotch with no markings. Well liked by many who have grown it and much admired by visitors to our gardens. Good formal type, well open and all around good performer. Opens 7 as a rule but in 1953 it got a real urge and opened 10. Useless as a commercial but is a rare novelty for the home garden and house decoration. Broad petals, strong slender stem. 4 inch floret, 20 buds, 22 inch head, 50 inches overall. Very strong attachment. If you like smokies you will like this, one. Per each, large, .80; medium, .60; small, .30; blts 10 for .40.

BEAUTY ELF

GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 70 days) . . . Light red or near scarlet with light yellow blotch with no markings. Beautifully ruffled, wide open not hooded, excellent formal type with first florets up in place on the large majority of spikes. Color is very fine and clean. This is a real show glad and no mistake, with ample rain the past summer we had spikes of Beauty Elf that would get the nod from any judge at any show. Floret just under 3 ½ inches, 12 or more open, 26 buds, 30 inch head, 60 inches overall as it performed for us the past summer. For a couple of years it made up to 4 inch floret on some spikes during very dry hot weather but with prominent growers calling it a 200 glad, we have to concede that it is so but carrying the very top measurement and florists are very enthusiastic about its possibilities as a cut flower. Fine ribbon of bloom, good keeper, good stretchy head, good cut stem, heavy substance, very strong attachment, medium heavy strong straight stem, tall healthy dark green foliage and very healthy in every way, facing and spacing excellent, holds color well, heavy propagator.

We like this little glad so well that even under pressure we planted more of it than any other variety the past summer feeling sure that it is going to be in very good demand in the near future. Think you will be more than pleased. Per each, large, \$1.20; medium, .80; small, .40; blts, 10 for .70.

ROSE JOY

GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 90 days) . . . Sdlg, no, +100. Lavender rose or near mauve, cream blotch with small blotch of near body color, wide open, not recurved or hooded, very strong heavy stem, very strong attachment, broad petals, very good formal type, good exhibiton and commercial prospect, neatly ruffled, strong reproducer with blts, of good size, strong germination and husky growth. Very nice pastel rose. Per each, large, \$1.10; medium, .70; small, .30; blts, 10 for .70.

ORANGE MAGIC

GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 85 days) . . . Sdlg, no, 00-70. Fairly deep orange with light cream blotch with delicate orange rose striping in throat. Heavily ruffled, wide open flat floret and as near perfect formal type as they come. For us it has made over 90% show spikes. The past summer we had vases continuously of each of Orange Magic, Beauty Elf and MY-O in our living room and they were really something to behold. Orange Magic unquestionably will be an excellent commercial cut flower when stock gets more plentiful. We could say a lot more about this excellent glad but what's the use, most of you will find it all out for yourselves anyway. It is an excellent reproducer, blts, of fine germination and growth and plenty of them. Per each, large, \$1.40; medium, \$1.00; small, .60; blts, .15 or 5 for .50.

FLASHY

GLORIOUS X TERRIFIC

(About 85 days) . . . Sdlg, no, +129. Very brilliant scarlet under all lights, deep yellow blotch with very small marking deep in the throat, recurved petals, well open, good formal type, straight slender stem, 3 inch floret or under, 10-11 open for us, 25 inch head, 24 buds, 55 inches overall. A 200 glad that should give a very good account of itself. It was up to Glenn Pierce to discover that Flashy has a fragrance, note what he says about it in his article in December 1956 number of the N.A.G.C. Bulletin, page 24. The fragrant idea got by us as we have never been on the alert for such and we probably have the wrong twist on our bugle anyway.

Sorry to say we did not get any blts, of this variety planted last spring and have to hold all bulbs for our next planting, however we decided to offer bulblets only at 10 for .80.

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MY-O

GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 90 days) . . . Pastel lavender with big yellow blotch with no markings. Beautifully ruffled, well open, extra good formal type, very strong attachment, straight strong stem. 5 inch and over floret, 9-10 open, 22 buds, 27 inch head, 60 inches overall, broad petals, not hooded or recurved. In pastel this is a beauty with ability to win on the show bench as well as to go a long way as a commercial cut flower. As stated in our 1956 list, if our age was cut back a few years we would plant this glad heavily for the florist trade. Per each, large, .80; medium, .60; small, .40; blts, 10 for .40.

LUCKY ME

GORGEOUS DEB X TERRIFIC

(About 85 days) . . . Good exhibition glad with commercial value, a large percentage making show spikes with first florets in good position. Winner at Indiana in 1956. Salmon with light yellow blotch with small rose feather, well ruffled, running strong to one lip. Very clean color, formal type, very wide open, not recurved, broad petals. Very strong show contender with very good cut flower possibilities. 4 inch floret, up to ten open, 20 buds, 54 inches overall, good strong stem. Per each, large, .80; medium, .60; small, .30; blts, 10 for .30.

We have a small stock of ON PARADE our 1954 introduction. Not enough to list and price but can supply a small amount—mostly blts,—on request. A rich golden orange with deep cream blotch with no markings. Very wide flat open, heavily ruffled and fluted, heavy substance. Blue ribbon winner at Indiana in 1956. 5 inch floret, 8-9 open, 20 buds, 26 inch head, 60 inches overall and quite early, blooming in 70 days.

Above will also apply to ORANGE PETUNIA except for discription. Our 1953 introduction. A very attractive orange with unique blotch resembling the watered effect of the throat of a petunia. 4½ inch floret, 9 open, 19 buds, 26 inch head, 60 inches overall. Another very good show orange that works well as a cut flower. Fine reports on this one from many sections, We have a few large bulbs and a fair quantity blts, to offer. It is a very good propagator.

We will make current prices on the two above varieties on request to any who are interested and our prices will meet those of other growers who are listing it as we do not wish to cut their prices.

FANCIERS' DIGEST

Just a little after thought that got unscrambled from Our Chatty Nook. It has been our aim over the years to be most critical in the selection of our seedlings for introduction and we have discarded many beautiful specimens from large scale operations because they did not have enough buds or enough open florets and for the past ten years our main aim in crossing has been to get a long ribbon of bloom and in this we have been quite successful. A glad that will open 10 or more has an excellent chance of looking the judges in the face without wilts with sufficient open bloom to put it on the winners side whereas one that opens only four to six goes in the back seat, florists also like them with plenty open. It is just natural for judges to select the spikes with the most open with good placement and no wilts for first consideration. In the past we have judged and exhibited at about all the major shows from Boston to Chicago inclusive and have always been partial to spikes with a ribbon of bloom.

It is just possible some of you are using too much chemical fertilizer. Clay or poor ground needs it, but we have not used a speck of fertilizer on our glads for five years, the soil we plant in is full of humus and good glad food. When our old and very dear deceased friend Clarence Fortnam was asked how he grew such marvelous wining show spikes, his answer was "Plenty of good old holstein manure". With us it is Guernsey manure. What's the difference? I will not quote the Irishman's answer here as some of the ladies may be reading.

Time is about up and we have probably blathered too much as it is, but if there are not too many protests we may continue this department next year.

All our 1956 customers were sent a personally typed postal of thanks on receipt of their order as always. We greatly appreciate those orders.

Your Uncle George really means it in hoping you all have the finest bloom ever in 1957.

Our stock has always been carefully state inspected both in field and storage or we would not be able to ship into most states.

